

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 590
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Margaret Jesse
McElrath, 2003 Valedictorian of Sevier County
High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Jesse McElrath is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. McElrath has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Margaret has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, been named to the Honor Roll, and received the Principal's Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, both a scholar and an athlete, Margaret McElrath was a four-year Varsity letter winner on both the soccer and swimming teams as well as a member of the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, Margaret is very involved with her community as a member of the Youth Council of First United Methodist Church of Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McElrath's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she attends East Tennessee State University in the fall having been awarded an Academic Performance Scholarship and the prestigious Dolly Parton Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McElrath's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Rick McElrath and Cindy Winchester, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Jesse McElrath's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Margaret Jesse McElrath, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.